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SUBJ: THE PLO IN THE IAEA

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1. SUMMARY. DURING A PRELIMINARY EMBASSY APPROACH TO GOC, EXTAFF OFFICIAL POINTED OUT USUAL CANADIAN COURSE OF ACTION OF ABSTENTION IN PLO OBSERVER MATTERS. ONLY EXCEPTION IS WHEN AGENCY RULES OF PROCEDURE DO NOT PROVIDE FOR OBSERVER STATUS, AND THIS PROBABLY OUR BEST LINE IN FURTHER APPROACHES TO CANADIANS. NO FIRM CANADIAN DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON THIS QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF MADE PRELIMINARY APPROACH TO SCOBODA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, UN POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS DIV., EXTAFF, AUGUST 27.

3. SVOBODA SAID THAT ISRAELIS HAD ALREADY MADE APPROACH REGARDING POSSIBLE INVITATION TO PLO. ISRAELI ARGUMENTATION, ACCORDING TO SVOBODA, WAS THAT INCLUSION OF PLO WOULD ALLOW PLO ACCESS TO SENSITIVE INFORMATION. SVOBODA INDICATED THAT GOC NOT CONVINCED BY THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT SINCE PLO COULD EASILY GET THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION FROM SOME IAEA MEMBER STATES.

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4. SVOBODA SAID THAT GOC STILL CONSIDERING THIS MATTER

AND "THE BOOKS ARE NOT CLOSED". HE ADDED HIS IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT "WE WILL PROBABLY TAKE THE USUAL COURSE OF ACTION AND ABSTAIN". HE EXPLAINED THAT, ON PLO OBSERVER STATUS, ABSENTEON IS THE USUAL GOC ROUTE. ONLY EXCEPTION, HE ADDED, IS WHEN THERE IS NO STATUTORY BASIS FOR OBSERVERS IN A PARTICULAR AGENCY. EMBOFF POINTED OUT TO SVOBODA THE ASSERTION MADE IN FIRST SECTION OF PARA 2 REFTEL. THAT IS, HE MADE POINT THAT IAEA RULES OF PROCEDURE DO NOT PROVIDE FOR OBSERVER STATUS FOR ENTITIES LIKE THE PLO. SVOBODA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS POINT, OF WHICH HE MERELY TOOK NOTE.

5. COMMENT: GOC ABSTENTION RECORD ON PLO OBSERVER MATTERS IS WELL ESTABLISHED. NONETHELESS, SINCE GOC HAS NOT MADE DECISION ON THIS SPECIFIC QUESTION, OUR BEST LINE OF APPROACH MAY BE THROUGH IAEA RULES OF PROCEDURE NOT PROVIDING FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN THIS CASE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S AMPLIFICATION OF POINT MADE IN FIRST SUB-SECTION, PARA 2 REFTEL FOR POSSIBLE USE IN FOLLOW-UP WITH GOC.
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